

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, 28 and 33-40 are canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file these claims in a continuation. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 8, 9, 20, 21, and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As indicated, Applicants so amended claims 8, 20, and 29. While Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections, Applicants have also amended 2, 10-12, 14, 16, 22-24, 26, and 30-32 to depend on claims 8, 20 and 29 in order to expedite allowance of this case. Accordingly, none of these amendments is intended to surrender any range of equivalents. Applicants reserve the right to file the original, rejected claims in a continuation. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that all of the objections and rejections against this application have been fully addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections and a notice of allowance for the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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